

Mark W. Peterson, 56

Mark W. Peterson, age 56, of Duxbury, formerly of Dorchester, died on Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in Boston.

Mr. Peterson was born and raised in Dorchester and grew up with a love of swimming, baseball and his family. As a young adult, he graduated from Johnson and Wales Culinary School in Rhode Island and worked in the food service industry for several years. In time, he realized that he had more than one passion and moved into the field of horticulture at Spillane's Nursery Corp. where he honed his ability to bring beauty and color into this world through plants and flowers. He prided himself on several things throughout his life. He loved cooking delicious meals for those he was close to, adored making beautiful and artful landscapes and gardening. He enjoyed going for walks and enjoying nature, whether it be in the woods of New Hampshire or the beaches in Duxbury as well as singing with and reading to his grandson.

Mr. Peterson fought a long and courageous battle with cancer and did so with dignity and serenity up until the very end. He was a nurturing and generous man whose humility translated seamlessly into his roles as son, brother, father, stepfather, grandfather ("Papa") and husband. He was liked by some, loved by many and adored by even more.

Mr. Peterson was the beloved husband of Karen L. (Young) Peterson of Duxbury; loving father of Elyce M. Peterson and fiancé Joshua J. Cripps of Plymouth, Erika L. Peterson of Las Vegas, NV, Laura J. Peterson of Duxbury; dear stepfather of Kelsey M. Lanman of Duxbury, Peter (PJ) G. Lanman Jr. of Duxbury; devoted son of Joan A. (Saunders) Peterson and the late Charles M. Peterson of Dorchester; dear brother of the late Lance M. Peterson of Dorchester and his surviving wife Patricia A. Peterson of Milford, Charlene J. Peterson of Dorchester, Mary L. (Peterson) Doran and husband Frederick C. Doran of Ft. Meyers, FL, Paul L. Peterson of Dorchester, Charles T. (Curley) Peterson of Dorchester, Linda M. Peterson of Lexington and Kathleen A. (Peterson) Greene and husband Lloyd P. Jones of Wilmington, NC; and cherished grandfather to Marcus B. Cripps of Plymouth. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Visiting hours were held at the Shepherd Funeral Home and his funeral Mass was held at the Holy Family Church. Interment at the Mayflower Cemetery.

Contributions in Mr. Peterson's memory may be made to Dana Farber-Sarcoma Center, C/O Dr. Morgan, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. For directions and online condolences, please visit shepherdfuneralhome.com.

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